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SUBJECT: CONSULAR SECTION REQUIREMENTS

REF: (A) STATE 084248; (B) MANILA 4953

1. THE POST HAS COMPLETED DETAILED STUDIES OF PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE CONSULAR OPERATION, PUBLIC HANDLING AND SECURITY OUTLINED REFTELS AND WITHIN THE SPACE AVAILABLE SUPPLEMENTARY OFFICE BUILDING. THE GOLLOWING PROPOSAL MEETS OUR REQUIREMENTS WHILE CAUSING MINIMUM DISRUPTION TO OTHER AGENCIES OCCUPYING FIRST FLOOR.

A. WAITING ROOM PAVILION: TO ELIMINATE LARGE, CONSPICUOUS MILLING GROUPS OF VISA APPLICANTS FORMING ALONG ROXAS BOULEVARD FRONT OF SUPPLEMENTARY OFFICE BUILDING PRIOR TO AND DURING OFFICE HOURS, AN ATTRACTIVE PAVILION WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN FRONT RIGHT SIDE OF SOB AND PERIMETER FENCE WITH CONTROLLED ENTRANCE THROUGH SOB MAIN GATE. THIS 110 X 18 FOOT OPEN AIR CONSTRUCTION WILL HAVE CEMENT FLOOR, METAL ROOF, PUBLIC TOILETS AND BE FURNISHED WITH BENCHES, WATER COOLERS, LIGHTS AND CEILING FANS. ESTIMATED COST FOR THIS CONSTRUCTION IS \$16,000 AND FURNISHINGS \$1,000.

B. EXPANSION OF IV AND NIV OFFICES AND NIV WAITING

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ROOMS AND IV OFFICES: TO ELIMINATE UNACCEPTABLE CONGESTION

IN BOTH CONSULAR OFFICES AND WAITING ROOM WITHIN SOB AND IMPROVE APPEARANCE AND FUNCTION OF WAITING ROOMS, PROPOSAL IS TO CONSTRUCT NEW 20 FOOT (ONE BAY WIDTH) CORRIDOR ADJACENT TO EXISTING MAIN ENTRANCE CORRIDOR OVER UNUSED POOL COURT. ONE HALF OF THIS NEW CONSTRUCTION WILL THEN BE USED FOR NEW CORRIDOR (OUTSIDE PORTION) FROM MAIN ENTRANCE OF BUILDING TO CORRIDOR #1. ORIGINAL MAIN ENTRANCE CORRIDOR, AND ONE HALF OF NEW CONSTRUCTION WILL THEN BE INCORPORATED INTO PRESENT CONSULAR WAITING ROOM. THE PRESENT ROOFED OPEN AIR CONSULAR WAITING ROOM, ORIGINAL CORRIDOR, AND NEW CONSTRUCTION WILL BE ENCLOSED AND AIR CONDITIONED. THIS NEWLY AIR-CONDITIONED SPACE WILL BE REPARTITIONED FOR ADDITIONAL OFFICE AND WAITING AREA. ESTIMATED COST INCLUDING A NEW CONCRETE FLOOR TO REPLACE DANGEROUSLY DETERIORATED WOODEN FLOOR IN CONSULAR WAITING ROOM AND TO INSTALL CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING IS \$72,000 AND FURNISHINGS \$5,000.

C. EXPANSION OF AMERICAN SERVICES BRANCH:
PROPOSAL IS TO ELIMINATE CONGESTION IN THIS SECTION

BY CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVED WAITING ROOM USING 40' X 40' AREA OF INTERIOR COURT BETWEEN CORRIDORS NO. 2 AND NO. 4. CONSTRUCTION WILL BE CEMENT BASED TILE FLOOR, METAL ROOF, WITH AIR-CONDITIONING. ESTIMATED COST IS \$25,000 AND FURNISHINGS \$4,500.

2. COST ESTIMATES SUMMARIZED ABOVE TOTAL \$123,500.

3. A DETAILED PLAN OF THESE PROPOSALS IS BEING SUBMITTED TO EA/EX. PLEASE AUTHORIZE SOONEST. MEANWHILE, WE COMPLETING DETAILED PLANS AND EXPECT BE IN POSITION TO SOLICIT BIDS NEXT WEEK.
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